

**Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

**Diversion of 1.7670 ha. forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable of M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Pune project along existing Right of Way of Wadsa-Purada-Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-36A24/CR.177/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.**

**Date: 27.12.2024**

**Ref.:**

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/PID-486046/867 Nagpur, Dt.09.07.2024.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-35A24/C.R.177/F-10, dt.12.08.2024.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17 / NODAL /Gadchiroli/ PID-486046 / 1566 / 2024-25, dt.08.10.2024.

**Order :**

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.7670 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable of M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Pune project along existing Right of Way of Wadsa-Purada-Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli to the State Forest Department. APCCF & Nodal Officer has submitted this proposal to Government of Maharashtra.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 1.7670 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2],

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Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant Final Approval for Diversion of 1.7670 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 1.7670 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest, Zudpi Jungle and Protected Forest, Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s Bharti Airtal Limited, Pune project along existing Right of Way of Wadsa-Purada-Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. DCF, Wadsa shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 3 and 15 in 'in-principle' order dated 12.08.2024, before handover actual possession to the User Agency
2. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 12.08.2024.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statutory duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
5. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Gadchiroli shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
6. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 12.08.2024, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
7. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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**SCHEDULE**

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Forest land required					Legal Status of land	
		Sur/ Gut No.	Forest Compt. No.	Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr.	Area		
						Area in Sq. m.	Area in Ha.	
1	Block Forest	-	97	880	0.5	440.00	0.0440	RF
2	Visora	-	873	2332	0.5	1166.00	0.1166	PF
3	Shankarpur	184	-	56	0.5	28.00	0.0028	PF
		-	905	234	0.5	117.00	0.0117	PF
4	Kalamgaon	70/5, 39	904	1270	0.5	635.00	0.0635	PF
5	Dongar Mendha	35	902	1128	0.5	564.00	0.0564	PF
6	Block Forest	-	107	2546	0.5	1273.00	0.1273	RF
7	Block Forest	-	109	822	0.5	411.00	0.0411	RF
8	Block Forest	-	108	500	0.5	250.00	0.0250	RF
9	Umarzari	-	130	624	0.5	312.00	0.0312	RF
		38	131	722	0.5	361.00	0.0361	RF
10	Gewardha	300	134	1442	0.5	721.00	0.0721	RF
		655	135	668	0.5	334.00	0.0334	RF
		312, 313	935	984	0.5	492.00	0.0492	PF
11	Chikhali	90/1	-	46	0.5	23.00	0.0023	Zudpi Jungle
12	Nanhi	164	-	30	0.5	15.00	0.0015	Zudpi Jungle
		361	-	24	0.5	12.00	0.0012	Zudpi Jungle
13	Dhamanitola	-	956	324	0.5	162.00	0.0162	PF
14	Kurkheda	116/1	-	58	0.5	29.00	0.0029	Zudpi Jungle
		118	-	78	0.5	39.00	0.0039	Zudpi Jungle
		-	986	60	0.5	30.00	0.0030	PF
		-	985	68	0.5	34.00	0.0034	PF
		171/1, 165	984	688	0.5	344.00	0.0344	PF
15	Gothangaon	192/1	976 P	374	0.5	187.00	0.0187	PF
		-	976 P	68	0.5	34.00	0.0034	PF
		198/1	976 P	82	0.5	41.00	0.0041	PF
		193/1	-	260	0.5	130.00	0.0130	PF
16	Jambhulkheda	8	982	652	0.5	326.00	0.0326	PF
		1	-	170	0.5	85.00	0.0085	Zudpi Jungle
		138	-	54	0.5	27.00	0.0027	Zudpi Jungle
		86	980	1736	0.5	868.00	0.0868	PF
17	Bhimanpayli	1	199	122	0.5	61.00	0.0061	RF
			197	1566	0.5	783.00	0.0783	RF
			198	238	0.5	119.00	0.0119	RF
18	Lendhari	50, 60, 61, 72, 74	194	1914	0.5	957.00	0.0957	RF
		79	-	126	0.5	63.00	0.0063	PF
		106/1	-	232	0.5	116.00	0.0116	Zudpi Jungle
		171/1	1015	710	0.5	355.00	0.0355	PF
19	Hetinagar	134	-	146	0.5	73.00	0.0073	Zudpi Jungle
		138	-	84	0.5	42.00	0.0042	PF
		-	1039	72	0.5	36.00	0.0036	PF
		3	-	60	0.5	30.00	0.0030	Zudpi Jungle
		4	-	58	0.5	29.00	0.0029	Zudpi

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							Jungle
20	Purada	119	-	54	0.5	27.00	0.0027
		152, 151, 156, 159, 224, 225	1040	1378	0.5	689.00	0.0689
		-	1037	28	0.5	14.00	0.0014
21	Ramgad	59	1062	314	0.5	157.00	0.0157
		72	-	94	0.5	47.00	0.0047
22	Dadapur	95	-	44	0.5	22.00	0.0022
		96	-	38	0.5	19.00	0.0019
		89	-	56	0.5	28.00	0.0028
		85	-	16	0.5	8.00	0.0008
		79	1035	140	0.5	70.00	0.0070
		71	-	40	0.5	20.00	0.0020
		72	-	182	0.5	91.00	0.0091
		74	-	104	0.5	52.00	0.0052
		161	-	78	0.5	39.00	0.0039
		-	1032	114	0.5	57.00	0.0057
23	Warvi	185	-	264	0.5	132.00	0.0132
		205	1077	144	0.5	72.00	0.0072
24	Chipari	-	1068	614	0.5	307.00	0.0307
		-	250	46	0.5	23.00	0.0023
		-	1072	572	0.5	286.00	0.0286
		206	252	1554	0.5	777.00	0.0777
25	Dalli	55	253	194	0.5	97.00	0.0097
26	Ranwahi	79	337	1486	0.5	743.00	0.0743
		81	338	690	0.5	345.00	0.0345
		82/1	339	1410	0.5	705.00	0.0705
		104	1216	370	0.5	185.00	0.0185
		-	1215	340	0.5	170.00	0.0170
27	Kasari	53	1227	90	0.5	45.00	0.0045
		79, 106	348	578	0.5	289.00	0.0289
						<b>Total</b>	<b>1.7670</b>

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

**( Ganesh Jadhao )**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:**

- Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur

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3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
  4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
  5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
  6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
  7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
  8. Collector, Gadchiroli.
  9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
  10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
  11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa.
  12. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune .
  13. Select File-F-10
- I. Collector-Gadchiroli., Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli. and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Gadchiroli & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.